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Sunjoy Neo® Japanese Barberry

Berberis thunbergii 'NCBT2'

Height: 30 inches

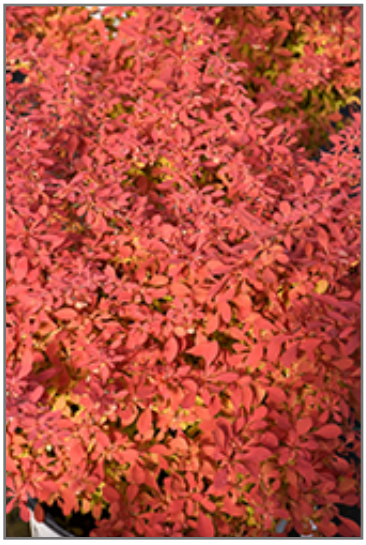
Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

This compact variety is a nicely rounded mound of bright orange newer foliage that matures to a blazing bright orange-red; grown primarily for foliage; a great color contrast in the landscape; plant on slopes, in beds, or as a border



Sunjoy Neo Japanese Barberry foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Sunjoy Neo Japanese Barberry has attractive red foliage with hints of orange which emerges orange in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and scarlet in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sunjoy Neo Japanese Barberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading
- Spiny

Sunjoy Neo Japanese Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Sunjoy Neo Japanese Barberry will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Sunjoy Neo Japanese Barberry makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.